



NEWS FROM THE HAWAII STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION AND THE HONOLULU COIN CLUB

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the HSNA Show

BY M. F. KENDRICK

Our 25th Anniversary Coin Show Convention held at Queen Kapiolani Hotel in November, 1988, was again a great success. The appearance and sale of the medals for the Chinese Bicentennial Anniversary, with the assistance of the Narcissus Queen and her court, added some color to our otherwise uneventful show. We were not successful in getting the China Mint to our show; maybe in the future. However, we will continue to seek numismatic items of interest for our members at our show. Another event which did not come about—the lion (dragon) dance. The HNSA found out later that the dance is done by volunteer students. It was not possible to get enough students at the opening time of the coin show. It would have been most appropriate and fitting—1988 having been the “Year of the Dragon”.

The majority of the dealers were very pleased and did very well. We had over seventy dealers from all over the mainland—from California to Florida and also our very own Hawaii dealers. We will continue to seek and invite (welcome) dealers from other countries as well.

A 25th Anniversary souvenir program was printed for the show. The success that we had hoped for, did not materialize. A lot of hard work on weekends went into the making of the booklet. We wish to thank the many club members (junior members too) who gave up their weekend time to help—Mahalo! We also wish to thank the many ad sponsors who helped to defray the cost of printing—Mahalo! By the way, we still have a “few” copies available!

This year's show, I regret, will not have any special events. It may be considered a down year, but geared for the Hawaii collectors as we will have more mainland dealers present.

We are looking for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to return in 1990 and others in following years.

In closing, we wish to thank all who helped to make the show a great success—members (both senior and junior); dealers who came and also helped in getting information out. Thank you very much!

Honolulu Coin Club

The Honolulu Coin Club meets every second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Susannah Wesley Community Center at 1117 Kaili Street, 7:30 p.m. Gregory Hunt, president.

HCC STATEHOOD SHOW ON THE MOVED

The Honolulu Coin Club Statehood Show will be held at the Kapalama School Cafetorium instead of the McKinley High School Cafetorium as planned. McKinley is planning a renovation while school is out this summer. With Honolulu Coin Club plans that “the show must go on”, Mr. Wah Kui Young (who negotiated in getting McKinley for our coin show last year) investigated and found Kapalama Elementary School as a suitable place for our Statehood Coin Show. Mr. Young spoke to Mrs. Karen Gurtiza, Secretary of Kapalama Elementary School, to make the arrangement, followed by the School Board's approval. The Honolulu Coin Club is very grateful to Mr. Young and Mrs. Gurtiza for their help in securing the new location of the Statehood Coin Show. We would also like to thank Francis Loo, Marion Kendrick and Gregory Hunt for their part in trying to help the HCC look for other suitable locations.

The show will be held on Saturday, August 19, 1989.

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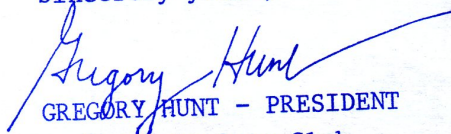
Honolulu Coin Club President's Message

Aloha fellow numismatists of Hawaii. April, 1989 marks the eighth year of my Presidency of the Honolulu Coin Club and my twelfth year as a member. Boy, does time go by! I hope that these past years have been as good for you, the members, as they have been for me. The club has grown by leaps and bounds and now we can boast of over two hundred twenty-five paid members and over thirty-five juniors. The HSNA/Honolulu Coin Club Mini Show is in its eighth year and the annual Statehood Coin Show is still a big hit during August. The Hawaii State Numismatic Association is celebrating its twenty-sixth anniversary and getting bigger and better each year. We continue to make medals honoring the different important people, places, and events of Hawaii and have been the main beacon in Hawaii that has kept coin collecting in the public eye. These are notable feats in themselves—that most clubs strive for and never really attain. Well, let me tell you that we have a lot to be proud about because we have a diligent working core. But I hope that this year we achieve a feat that has never been attained by the Hawaii Coin Club. That feat is getting the ANA to recognize that we are a large viable collecting group worthy of their respect and attention. The best way that we can do this is making our juniors achieve the impossible. Getting the elusive ANA Scholarship to have one of our juniors from Hawaii attend the ANA Summer Seminar that as have always read about but were never able to attend. I feel that this goal is in our reach as we go to press with this newsletter. And I hope that I will be able to make that proud announcement soon.

I would like to take this time to thank the generosity of the Honolulu Coin Dealers who made the annual Christmas Party a success once again. I would also like to recognize Charles Matsuda, Marion Kendrick, and the rest of the Board of Directors of the Honolulu Coin Club and the HSNA for a job well done. These above mentioned feats were achieved through their tireless efforts to make this club special for each and every member present.

In closing, may I ask for your continued cooperation as we enter the nineteen nineties, and remember "KULIA I KA NUU"—strive for the summit.

Sincerely yours,


GREGORY HUNT - PRESIDENT
Honolulu Coin Club

THE BIG ISLAND COIN CLUB
Meeting are held on the first Thursday
of each month at 7 p.m. at the YMCA,
300 Lanikaula Street, in Hilo.



A TOUCH OF HAWAIIANA

TOKENS AND OTHER HOBBIES

BY GARY LAU



Hawaiian tokens are getting harder and harder to find. Though you will find more of the common and newer tokens, the scarce ones are only available through the selling of private collectors or collections. Token collectors in Hawaii are at a point where they are turning to supplemental hobbies during the slow periods to keep themselves busy and occupied. Seeing fellow collectors like Stanley delving into postcards, stamps and paper items; Crane in baseball cards; Greg with silver, gold and stamp; Rodger into U.S. pennies; and myself into old Hawaiian bottles. The extra hobbies are a good way to combat the giddiness of not having any "new finds". When a scarce token goes up on a bid board, fierce bidding is sure to follow with the highest bidder taking home his "overpaid" possession.

For myself, I spend weekends in the mountains, in Chinatown or wherever the "hot spot" may be on the weekend. Bottles have become my second hobby, and pick up the slack when tokens may be on a slow pace. My hobbies have been and still are a great learning experience for me. It has given me knowledge of old Hawaii, the people and their way of life long ago, as well as the beauty and craftsmanship of each individual token and bottle. Fellow collectors are always welcome to my home. Many have viewed my collections and know each and every piece has its own story. These hobbies are a great enjoyment for me and an investment for my family as well. Someday, I hope to teach my children all the things I have learned from my hobbies and hope they find in them the great satisfaction a hobby can bring. Throughout my years of collecting, all the various coin shops around the island have helped me tremendously and I would like to thank each and every one of you and look forward to doing business with you for many years to come. A special MAHALO to Greg who started me in the hobby of Hawaiian tokens many years ago and got the wheels spinning.

There are a couple of books for sale that are a great service to any token or bottle collector. They are:

Tokens: Don Metcalf's *Hawaiian Money* 1978. He is currently working on a 2nd edition which will hopefully be completed by the November HSNA Show. Many more tokens and a price guide as well.

Bottles: *Hawaiian Bottles of Long Ago*, Steve Gould 1988. This is the most detailed, up-to-date book with references toward soda, liquor and medicine bottles, as well as companies, proprietors and locations. Many photos, color and black and white.





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HCC Junior's NEWS

Hauoli Makahiki Hou and greetings from the HCC Juniors. In February, new officers were elected. They are: Susanna Hunt, 17, of University High School—President; Dannie Garrett, 16, of Moanalua High School—Vice-President; Cliff Martin, 14, of Moanalua High School; and Ericka Moritsuga, 17, of University High School—Treasurer.

This year the Junior Club is planning to hold another contest for the design of their upcoming wooden token. Since we are up to about forty members, the competition should be intense.

We still encourage all kids, eighteen and under, to join us at our meetings every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at Susanna Wesley Community Center at 1117 Kaili Street.

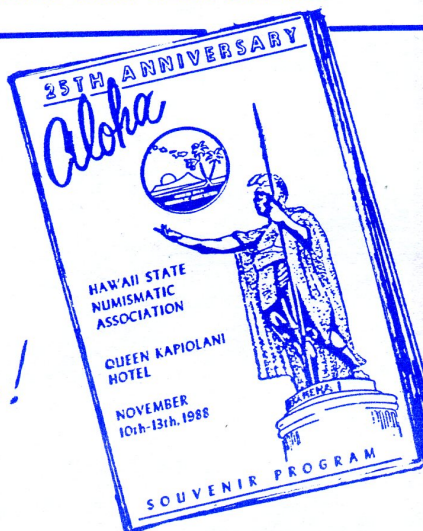
Beginning with the next newsletter, there will be a Junior Corner to better acquaint the readers with our membership. Each issue will feature a different member. I would like to acknowledge Mrs. Mary Abing for helping the club while Mr. Danny Garrett, our club adult advisor, was on military assignment in Korea. Thank you all for your continued support.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

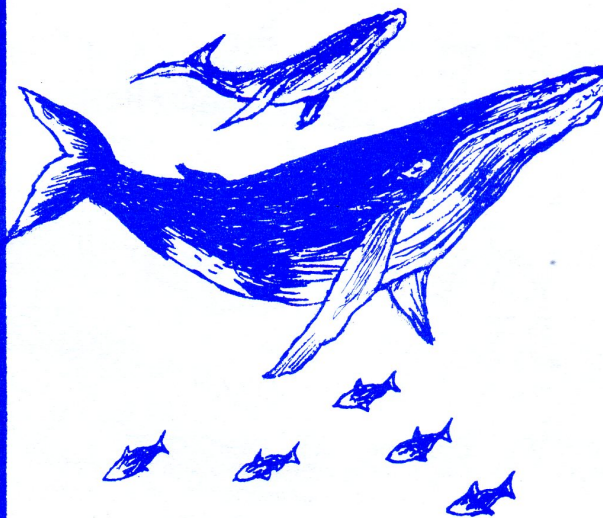
Susanna C.M. Hunt

SUSANNA C.M. HUNT - PRESIDENT
HONOLULU COIN CLUB JUNIORS

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This souvenir program is one of the few publications on Hawaiian numismatics. The program can be ordered by mail for \$2.50 postpaid from the Hawaii State Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 477, Honolulu, Hawaii 96809.



a whale of a wood



The fourth series of Hawaiian Endangered Wildlife wooden tokens is a whale of a token. It features the Humpback Whale or Kohola on the obverse of the woods. These whales can be seen off the shores of the Hawaiian Islands from Diamond Head coast to Waikiki on Oahu; Lahaina, Maui; Penguin Banks, West Molokai; and on the Island of Lanai. They migrate from the polar latitudes in the Northern Pacific to the tropics during November until about late March. Hawaii seems to be one of their favorite places for breeding and calving activities. The calves are usually born about January or early February. Drinking the rich milk, they grow very rapidly, preparing for their long journey North. At adulthood, the calves can grow to about 30 to 45 feet, weighing over 40 tons. They are a great local and tourist attraction in the islands.

The manono, a native Hawaiian plant found only in Hawaii, is the reverse of the wooden token. These plants bloom with a light greenish or white flower that bear a ripe cluster of purple-blue fruit. They are usually seen by hikers in the mountain forests of the islands.

The wooden token will be sold for 25¢ plus a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Address it to Honolulu Coin Club, P.O. Box 6063, Honolulu, HI 96818.





Bicentennial of the Chinese in Hawaii

BY KAZUMA OYAMA

This year we celebrate the Bicentennial of the arrival of the first Chinese in Hawaii. This year also marks the Bicentennial of the first presidential inauguration of the United States of America. On January 20, 1989, George Bush was sworn in as the 41st President of our country with the same bible that was used two hundred years ago for George Washington's inauguration on April 20, 1789. The reverse of the official 1989 George Bush inaugural medal has engraved on it "200th Anniversary of the Presidential Inauguration".

The Hawaii Chinese Bicentennial is commemorated on a medal first sold to the general public at the 1988 Hawaii State Numismatic Association Coin Show held at the Queen Kapiolani Hotel in Waikiki. The attractive medals were sold in both gold and silver. The obverse of the medal features the Hawaiian Islands embraced by a dragon and a phoenix. Unlike European myth which depicts the dragon as something evil, the Asians seem to show the dragon as a protector and sign of good fortune. Webster's dictionary defines phoenix as "Egyptian myth—a beautiful bird which lived for 500 or 600 years and then consumed itself in fire, rising renewed from the ashes; a symbol of immortality." I think the American Indians of the Southwest also had a myth concerning the phoenix. Both the dragon and the phoenix are part of the carvings and gold brocaded decorations around the altar of Buddhist temples. The reverse of the medal shows the official Chinese Bicentennial logo circled by Chinese writings which translates to the same words as the obverse—"1789-1989" on the left and right side and "Bicentennial Celebration" and "Chinese in Hawaii" at top and bottom. The only difference is that "Bicentennial Celebration" is the bottom line of the medal in Chinese.

The first Chinese arrived in Hawaii at a historical period of Hawaii as well as the United States. As previously stated, George Washington was inaugurated as the first President of the United States in 1789. In Hawaii it was only ten years after Captain James Cook's death in 1779 at Kealahou Bay, and the Chinese were here to witness the three visits by Captain George Vancouver in 1792, '93 and '94; and the unification of the Hawaiian Islands into a kingdom under King Kamehameha the Great in 1810. Some numismatic items attributable to the Chinese in Hawaii are revealed by a perusal of "Hawaiian Money Standard Catalog" (Metcalf & Russell). L. Chong Ltd. and Ah Ling—commercial tokens; Lau/John Service Station and Tin Hop Pang—encased coins; and G. Kwok—wooden nickel. Perhaps there will be more items listed that can be attributed to the Chinese when the revised edition by Metcalf and Russell is published in the near future.



NEWS

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE COIN CLUBS OF HAWAII

BY M. F. KENDRICK

"Big Island Coin Club"

- Dec. 88 — A Christmas party with over 20 members and guests present with lots of door prizes and an auction.
- Jan. 89 — With 19 members and guests a "General Store" coin concept was held with an auction and door prizes.
- Feb. 89 — The scheduled movie "Minting the Maple Leaf" did not make it. Instead, a talk on gold coins by Col. Jerry Phillips was given to 19 members and guests followed by an auction and door prizes.
- Mar. 89 — "My Greatest Mistake in Coin Collecting" was the meeting subject with 23 members and guests present. An auction and door prizes ended the evening.

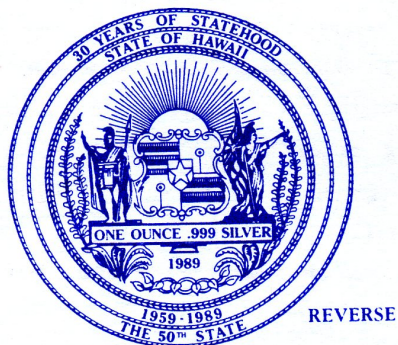
"Honolulu Coin Club"

- Dec. 88 — A Christmas party with over 100 members and guests present. There were lots of door prizes and many items for the auction, using play money.
- Jan. 89 — Guest Chris Johns, editor of *Timberlines* (dedicated wooden money collectors), gave a talk on her activities from *Timberlines*. Over 29 adults and 9 junior members and guests were present. Auction and door prizes followed.
 - Crane Saito gave a talk with a display on exhibiting. Over 38 adults, 9 junior members and guests present. An auction and door prizes followed.
- Feb. 89 — A talk on "Other Collectibles" by Gary Lau on Hawaiian bottles and match book covers and by Charles Matsuda on comic books were the subjects of the meeting with over 35 adults, 9 junior members and guests present. An auction and door prizes followed.
- Mar. 89 — An ANA Library movie, "Genuine, Counterfeit, and Altered Coins", was the meeting's topic. An auction and door prizes followed. Over 32 adults, 9 junior members and guests present.



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WINDWARD COIN DEALER STRIKES MEDAL



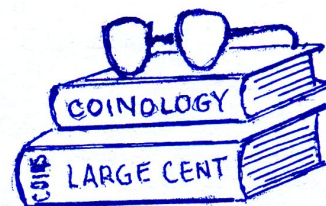
30TH YEAR STATEHOOD .999 SILVER ROUND COIN

Don King of Windward Coins Shop in Kailua has struck a silver and bronze medal commemorating the 30th Anniversary of Hawaii Statehood. The obverse is illustrated with a hula dancer, the map of the Hawaiian Islands with anthurium flowers on each side of the medal and the words, "30 years of Statehood". The reverse is pictured with the design of the Hawaii State Seal and one ounce .999 fine silver.

The medal was minted in Portland, Oregon, and was designed by Marcel Bitanga of Kaneohe, Don's son-in-law, an artist. Don is planning on having 10,000 of the silver medals minted in .999 fine silver, with the first 2,000 of them numbered on their rims. There will also be 500 of the medals struck in bronze. If you're looking for a piece of Hawaiiana, these medals are available at Windward Coins, 28 Oneawa Street, Kailua, HI 96734, (808) 261-1258. Prices are \$20.00 silver numbered; \$14.50 silver unnumbered; and \$5.00 bronze, plus 4% tax Hawaii Resident, and \$3.00 for shipping and handling if you are mailing it in.



BOOKS ABOUT COINS



BY KAZUMA OYAMA

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A recent publication from the ANA, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903, for \$4.50 postpaid (although the ANA would appreciate any extra for postage) is "Coinology." It is a compilation of the articles and illustrations by Mort Reed featured regularly in Coin World. It covers every denomination of U.S. coins from the 1973 half cent to the 1984 Olympic gold eagle (\$10). It covers all of the commemorative coins including the Hawaiian Half Dollar, a small "hoard" of which was released last year by the Bank of Hawaii and was auctioned off in January this year. The article in part states that "In June 1928 the Mint struck 10,000 of these coins which later sold for \$2 each. A special surcharge of the regular two-cent stamp was issued for this celebration." In truth, there were not one, but two stamps involved and the stamp was not a "surcharge" but an "overprint." The 2¢ Washington and the 5¢ Theodore Roosevelt stamps of the period were overprinted "Hawaii 1778-1928" to commemorate the sesquicentennial (150th year) of the discovery of the Hawaiian Islands by Captain Cook. Mort Reed states the coin was "struck to commemorate Captain Cook's discovery of the Hawaiian Islands in 1778. The year 1928 is the year of the 200th anniversary of Cook's birth and the 30th anniversary of the annexation of the islands to the U.S."

Another recent publication is by Edward Rochette, who recently retired as Chief Executive Officer of the ANA. He has come out with a book called "The Other Side of the Coin," which seems to cover every facet of numismatics from ancient to modern coins, medals, checks, paper money, tokens, etc. Although it doesn't have anything "Hawaiiana", it provides entertaining and informative reading for all collectors. His section on "Consumer Advocacy" should be read by every collector — the beginners so they become aware of some of the scams that are perpetuated involving numismatics; the old timers as a reminder not to become complacent. In this section Mr. Rochette has an article called "Grading Is Like Buying a Used Car." To me, this article alone is worth the price of this book — \$10.65 including 70¢ postage. It is available from Renaissance House, P.O. Box 177, Frederick, CO 80530.

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